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SUBJECT Political Information: CH'EN Chia-k'ang,
(陳家康)
Communist Party Spokesman in Shanghai.

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1. CH'EN was unable to finish his college work at Wuhan University as he was dismissed for political reasons by members of the "Blue Shirts." His chief professor, WANG Shih-chieh (王世杰), present Minister of Foreign Affairs, was unable to prevent his dismissal although he did not approve of the action of the "Blue Shirts." CH'EN worked closely with Communist Party members after this. He was engaged in underground work in Peiping and Shanghai and did not take part in the "Long March" (as previously reported). CH'EN is very proud of his "rearing by the Party" although he was not permitted to join until he was 20. (The Communist Party does not admit members under 18). (CH'EN was born in 1911).
2. CH'EN was selected for the San Francisco Conference and the Paris Labor and Youth Conference (attendance at both conferences previously reported) by a vote of the Central Committee in Yanan because he had devoted much time to the study of foreign affairs, economics and the English language, because he had worked hard on the youth problems of the "liberated" areas and because he had become a member of the Communist delegation to Chungking. While in the United States, he made two trips across the country, once by train and once by plane. He spent some 45 days in Paris but beyond the customary words of greeting does not speak French. (It was previously reported that he was fluent in this language.) CH'EN refuses to comment on the Nationalist that he was selected to accompany TUNG Pi-wu (董必武) to San Francisco to act as a check and spy on his activities and decisions.
3. From April 1946 until September 1946 CH'EN was the official "Chinese Communist Economist" in Chungking and Nanking. From September 1946 until the present he has been the official spokesman of the Party in Shanghai. CH'EN would like to see American business carried on with the Communists if an opportunity should present itself.

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4. CH'EN does not write for the Shanghai Communist Newsletter (as previously reported) but does write for Ch'un Chung (群众 The Masses) which is the official organ of the Communist Party in Shanghai. [REDACTED] Note: This publication is a Chinese-language magazine which is considered "illegal" as it is not registered with the Central Government.) He is considered one of the Communists' English experts (previously reported). He admits he belongs to the so-called English-speaking groups of the Chinese Communist Party. This group is called the Chung Kung Te Yang Pao Tzu (中共的洋包子) by members of the Democratic League, liberal Kuomintang members, and by the Communists themselves. When CH'EN speaks in his capacity as Party spokesman or when he writes for an official Party organ, he sticks completely to the Party "line." When not in this capacity, he says "what he pleases." CH'EN has not impressed American observers as a "die-hard" Communist and he has made many private statements which were "right" of the Party "line." He has been condemned by some Communists for several some-what pro-American statements and he is not sure of his future in the Party.
5. CH'EN has considerable personal affection for Mr. and Mrs. CHIAO Mu (Mrs. CHIAO is better known as KUNG Peng). Until November 1946 when the CHIAOs left for Hongkong, CH'EN lived with them at 107 Rue Massenet in "General CHOU En-lai's Shanghai residence." CH'EN always speaks highly of LU Ting-i, Communist Propaganda Chief. He is a great friend of LO Lung-chi of the Democratic League whom he calls the "most pro-American" of the non-Kuomintang leaders in China. CH'EN treats TUNG Pi-wu, chief spokesman of the Party in Nanking, as a friend and worker on the "same level as himself."
6. CH'EN's wife, HSU Ko-li (徐克立), a graduate of K'ang Jih University, was formerly a writer and editor for the Chungking Hsin Hua Jih Pao. (previously reported). From Chungking she went to Kalgan with her two small children, where they remained until they had to evacuate; they are now in Shansi, where HSU is writing for the Hsin Hua News Agency. CH'EN and his wife are both loyal Party members and each works on his assignment until it is done. Because of the present situation they feel it wiser to have the children near Yanan.

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